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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on September 26, 2002 and ~~the~~ advisory action mailed February 24, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A percutaneous absorption adhesive preparation comprising a base drug salt and an organic acid salt, wherein said organic acid salt is in the form of powder having a mean diameter of 0.1-100 μm , and said drug forms an ion-pair with the organic acid salt.
2. (Amended) The percutaneous absorption adhesive preparation according to claim 1, wherein the mean diameter of the organic acid salt is 0.1-10 μm .
3. (Twice amended) The percutaneous absorption adhesive preparation according to claim 1 comprising the organic acid salt of 0.01-15% by weight.

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